GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF AIRCRAFT IN NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy is facing shortage of Sea Harrier Aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade all the remaining Sea Harrier Aircraft;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgradation programme; and

(e) the time by which the said programme will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The ongoing upgrade of Sea Harrier programme has also temporarily affected the availability of the aircraft.

(c) & (d): Contract for the limited upgrade of Sea Harrier aircraft was concluded with M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in March 2005 at a cost of Rs.476.69 crore.

(e) The upgradation programme is expected to be completed by 2009.